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THE TRUST PART FIVE

PREVIOUSLY...

After the superhuman civil war, Luke Cage, Spider-Man, Wolverine and Spider-Woman went underground rather than register their identities with the government. Together with Clint Barton--now wearing the costume of Ronin--Doctor Strange, Iron Fist, and Maya Lopez, the deaf woman also known as Echo, they operate out of Doctor Strange's Sanctum Sanctorum.

Recently, during a fight in Japan, Elektra, the leader of the Hand, was killed. Upon her death, her body reverted into its true form: that of a shape-shifting Skrull, sending the Avengers into a tailspin of mistrust. While on a hunt for more information about the possible alien invasion, Wolverine discovers the plans of a mysterious villain called the Hood who is about to launch an attack on Avengers Tower, home of Tony Stark's Mighty Avengers. Unbeknownst to the Avengers, the Hood has organized a large number of super-villains and is preparing to take down the members of the super hero community one by one.



Meanwhile, after a mysterious virus is dropped to Earth from a satellite, most of the citizens of New York City have turned into symbiotes. Led by Ms. Marvel and Iron Man, the Mighty Avengers enter into a battle that they may not win, especially when they begin to transform as well...

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LUKE, I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO YOU TODAY?

OKAY.

BUT BRACE YOURSELF FOR SOME CRAZY-ASS @##@#.

YEAH, YEAH... SPEAK!



WELL, THE AVENGERS ALL TURNED INTO *MONSTERS* TODAY.

MONSTERS?

BIG @## MONSTERS.

METAPHORICALLY?

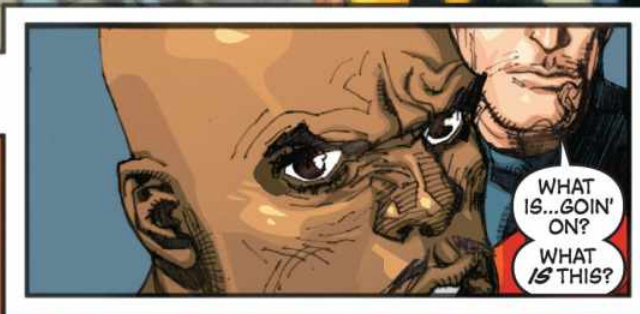
NUH-UH. ACTUAL FANG-SHOWIN', DROOLING, TRIPPIN' MONSTERS.

WHO?

ALL OF 'EM.

SPIDER-MAN, DANNY, RONIN, ECHO, DOC STRANGE, WOLVERINE...







I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
WHY DID *YOU* NOT CHANGE?

NOW I KNOW IT'S BECAUSE OF MY
POWERS--MY UNBREAKABLE SKIN.

NO CHEMICAL GOT INTO
MY PORES. NO CHANGE.

THEN I SLAMMED HEADFIRST INTO
STARK'S AVENGERS TEAM, AND
THE ONES WITH THE POWERS WERE
STILL FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT--

ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME?

I MEAN,
COME ON!



THE WHOLE CITY
WAS VENOMS?

EVERY MAN, WOMAN,
CHILD, DOG, CAT AND BIRD.

AND WE COULDN'T
EXACTLY BREAK OUT
THE CANS BECAUSE
THESE'RE JUST
PEOPLE.

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE OF NEW
YORK AND THEY DON'T KNOW
WHAT THE @\$\$% IS GOING ON OR
WHAT THEY'RE DOING, RIGHT?

SO NOW WHAT? YOU'RE FIGHTING
ALONGSIDE CAROL AND THE OTHERS.

EXACTLY.



TONY STARK DIDN'T
TRY TO ARREST YOU?

HAD HIS
HANDS FULL.

HE UP
AND LEFT
ANYHOW.

HE LEFT?

HE WAS
TRYING TO
CURE THE
PROBLEM.

MAN!

IRON MAN
SAID WE SHOULD
JUST STAY HERE
AND NOT DO
ANYTHING?

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT ME
TO TELL
YOU?

AND I LOOKED
OVER AND LOGAN'S
REALLY ALL TWISTIN'
AND TURNIN'.

TWISTING AND
TURNING?



HEALING FACTOR.
KEEPS TRYING TO
PUSH THIS OUT'A
ME.

IT HURTS A LOT
MORE THAN YOU'D
THINK!
ARGH!



YOUR FRIEND
THE WASP WAS
A SIXTY-FOOT
VENOM MONSTER.

SHE'S NOT
MY FRIEND,
SHE'S CAROL'S
FRIEND.

WELL, SHE
WAS A
SIXTY-FOOT
MONSTER.

RIGHT IN THE
MIDDLE OF
THE CITY?

RIGHT IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE
MILLION OTHER
MONSTERS.

AGH!

BOOM





TONY STARK
WHIPPED SOMETHING
TOGETHER...

...AND EVERYTHING
CALMED DOWN.



WOW.

YEAH.

WOW. IS--
WAS THIS
ON TV?

I'M SURE
IT IS AND
WAS.

UH...

WHAT
AM I--?

MOMMY!



JUST LIKE THAT?!

JUST LIKE THAT, IT WAS DONE?

WELL, TO US IT LOOKED THAT WAY. I'M SURE ON STARK'S END IT WAS A LITTLE MORE COMPLICATED.

HOW DID IT HAPPEN? WHO-WHO DID IT?

I DO NOT KNOW!

WE SHOULD GET A T.V. IN HERE.



MAN!

AND THE BABY? YOU? NOTHING HAPPENED TO YOU?

NO. WH-UM.

GOOD.



I HAD NO IDEA. I WAS TAKING A NAP.

WHY DO YOU THINK NOTHING HAPPENED TO YOU?



LUKE--

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT A SKRULL. I'M NOT SAYING THAT--I'M ASKIN'--

NO, YOU DON'T KNOW THAT YOU WANT TO KNOW THAT.

I'M OKAY.



YOU'RE MOSTLY OKAY.

OKAY. I'M GOING INSANE. BUT I'M HANDLIN' IT. I'M DEALIN'.

MAYBE DOCTOR STRANGE'S HOUSE OF CREEPY FLOATING BOOKS AND WEIRD WINDOWS PROTECTED US.

I DON'T KNOW.

BY THE WAY--JUST SOMETHING TO PUT IN YOUR TIARA FOR THE NEAR FUTURE.



WHAT? I DON'T WANT TO LIVE HERE ANYMORE.

YEAH?

OH YEAH.

WONG CREEPIN' YOU OUT?

I-DON'T-WANT-TO-LIVE-HERE ANYMORE.



WAIT!

WHAT?

HOW ARE YOU NOT IN JAIL?

THE REAL AVENGERS ARE RIGHT THERE. YOU GUYS ARE RIGHT THERE...THE MONSTER PROBLEM IS SOLVED...

DID YOU HAVE TO THROW DOWN WITH THEM OR-OR RUN AWAY?



HONESTLY--I THINK THIS IS WHY I'VE GOT SUCH LOVE FOR THIS TEAM WE'RE STUCK WITH.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY DID THE SECOND THEY CHANGED BACK TO HALF-NAKED SUPER HEROES ON THE RUN FROM THE LAW?





NOW THAT YOU KNOW *I'M* NOT A SKRULL, CAN I FREAK OUT ABOUT THERE *BEING* SKRULLS?

YES.

I'M FREAKED OUT.

I KNOW.

YOU'RE NOT?

I AM. I'M DEALIN'.



WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

WE-WE COULD BE POUNCED ON AT ANY SECOND.

WE COULD *ALWAYS* GET POUNCED ON AT ANY SECOND. THAT'S LIFE.

YEAH, BUT *THIS*--

I'M WORKIN' ON IT.



CAN I WORK ON IT TOO?

YOU'RE THE PRIVATE EYE.

YOU SHOULD BE WORKING ON IT *MORE* THAN US.



ANYONE COULD BE A SKRULL!

YES.

ANYONE IN THE WORLD?!

ANIMALS TOO.

EXCEPT US.

SUPPOSABLY.



BECAUSE STRANGE DID SOME MAGIC TO SHOW US *WE'RE* NOT.

UNLESS *HE'S* A SKRULL AND DID FAKE SKRULL-MAGIC TO PUT US OFF OUR GAME.

